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DEPT FOR ARA LABOR ADVISOR. PLEASE PASS AFL-CIO,
AIFLD AND IMF GENERAL SECRETARY HERMAN REBHAN AT
BLACK LAKE MEETING

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: METAL WORKERS SECRETARIES PULL OUT FROM PARALLEL
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1. A WEEK AGO THE SECRETARIES GENERAL OF METAL WORKERS
UNION (UOM) LOCAL DECIDED THAT UOM SHOULD WITHDRAW
FROM THE "COMISION DE GESTION Y TRABAJO" ("G G T"),
A RIVAL OF THE "COMMITTEE OF 25" RECENTLY CREATED
WITH THE REPORTED ENCOURAGEMENT OF THE ARGENTINE ARMY.
(PROTECT: NOT TO BE ATTRIBUTED TO AN OFFICIAL US SOURCE).
THE SECRETARIES GENERAL ALSO DETERMINED THAT
UOM SHOULD RETURN TO THE "COMMITTEE OF 9", A
VERTICALIST PERONIST LABOR CAUCUS WHICH OPERATES IN
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COORDINATION WITH THE "COMMITTEE OF 25".
WE ASSUME THIS DECISION IS THE RESULT OF THE INFLUENCE
OF THE IMPRISONED UOM LABOR BOSS LORENZO MIGUEL (SEE
PARA 3 REFTEL B). THIS ACTION IS A BLOW FOR UOM'S NUMBER
TWO MAN LUIS GUERRERO, WHO IS THE VISIBLE HEAD OF THE
PARALLEL "CGT" INITIATIVE. THE "CGT" NOW SEEMS TO BE
GOING DOWNHILL, ALTHOUGH STILL BEING KEPT ALIVE BY BEING

RECEIVED IN GOVERNMENT OFFICES AND ISSUING COMMUNIQUE IN SUPPORT OF LABOR DEMANDS WITH REGARD TO WAGES AND SIMILAR ISSUES.

2. ON A SEPARATE ISSUE, WE UNDERSTAND FROM ICFTU-DESIGNATE ROBERTO GARCIA (TAXI LEADER) THAT AUTO WORKER LEADER (SMATA) JOSE RODRIGUEZ PLANS TO BREAK AWAY FROM UAW MEETING AND JOIN GARCIA THIS WEEK IN BRUSSELS. GARCIA SAID HE WOULD NEED RODRIGUEZ' HELP IN NEGOTIATING WITH ICFTU FOR ARGENTINA'S RETENTION OF CADILDO HERRERAS' SEAT ON THE ILO GOVERNING BODY.

3. WE BELIEVE THAT EX-COMMERCIAL EMPLOYEES LEADER FLORENCIO CARRANZA (AND THE OUTGOING ARGENTINE BOARD MEMBER OF ICFTU) ACCOMPANIED GARCIA TO BRUSSELS, ALTHOUGH ICFTU DID NOT PAY CARRANZA'S WAY (BRUSSELS 9902). WE ASSUME GOA IS FINANCING CARRANZA'S TRAVEL FROM BLOCKED CGT FUNDS AT THE REQUEST OF THE "COMMITTEE OF 25", WHICH WANTED TO GIVE CARRANZA A DIGNIFIED "CHANGE OF COMMAND" CEREMONY AND ALSO, WE SUSPECT, REASONED THAT CARRANZA MIGHT BE INFLUENTIAL IN OBTAINING ICFTU HELP TO RETAIN THE GOVERNING BODY SEAT.

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